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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6932 NOTE PREPARED: Jan 12, 2013

BILL NUMBER: HB 1422 BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Teacher Certification Fees and Incentives.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Porter BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State & Local

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<u>Summary of Legislation</u>: This bill provides that the Department of Education shall each year pay the certification fees for up to 2,000 teachers who participate in the certification process offered by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The bill also annually appropriates from the state General Fund the amounts necessary to pay the certification fees.

The bill provides a National Board Certification Incentive Grant of \$5,000 to school corporations for each teacher employed by a school corporation who holds a valid certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and who is a classroom teacher.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Certification Fees*: The cost of the certification fees for the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards is \$2,500 in 2013. The cost to pay the fees for up to 2,000 teachers annually would be \$5 M based on the 2013 fee level.

Grants: The bill also creates the National Board Certification Incentive Grant as part of the school formula. The grant would be provided annually and is equal to \$5,000 per each classroom teacher that has a valid certification from the National Board. Currently there are about 156 teachers in Indiana with the certification. The initial impact of the grants would be about \$780,000 annually (156*\$5,000). The increase in total grants annually would depend on the number of teachers that obtain the National Board certification. If 2,000 teachers annually obtain the certification, the total grants provided would increase by \$10 M annually.

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Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: See Explanation of State Expenditures.

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: Local Schools.

<u>Information Sources:</u> National Board for Professional Teaching Standards website, http://www.nbpts.org/become a candidate/fees financial support.

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